

Weekly Status & Information Report: January 2 - 6, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of January 9, 2012:

- City Council meeting, Monday, January 9, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Recreation Committee meeting, Monday, January 9, 7:00 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Takoma Junction Task Force meeting, Tuesday, January 10, 7:30 p.m. in the Rose Room
- Tree Commission meeting, Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room
- Facade Advisory Board meeting, Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Council Conference Room
- Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs hearing, Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting and holiday gathering, Thursday, January 12, 7:00 p.m. in the Azalea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact JessieC@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

2. Montgomery County FY13 Budget Forum - January 12: Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett wants to hear from YOU about the FY13 Operating Budget. Join Mr. Leggett next week on Thursday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring at one of five scheduled forums. The County Executive announces his Recommended Fiscal Year 2013 Operating Budget on March 15. The County Council approves the operating budget at the end of May. For more information, please go to http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=8091. *(Housing and Community Development)*

3. Upcoming Concerts - January 7 AND January 13: 2012 is off to a good start with two concerts scheduled in the Takoma Park Auditorium this week. On Saturday, January 7, the Institute of Musical Traditions continues its family series with "Mi Casa Es Su Casa," a bilingual musical family puppet show that brings to life the music, rhythms and engaging characters of Latin America. http://www.imtfolk.org/html/imt_calendar.shtml. Next Friday, January 13, Washington Music Viva will continue its Takoma Park Chamber Music Series with a performance of "Spain & France," a trios for violin, cello, and piano by Enrique Granados and Gabriel Fauré. <http://dcmusicaviva.org/>. Additional information on times and tickets can be accessed from the links noted above. *(Housing and Community Development)*

4. Bedtime Stories: Bedtime Story Hour returns Monday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m. Come in p.j.s with your favorite stuffed toy as Ms. Karen shares stories, songs, and rhymes. For babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their care givers. No registration necessary. *(Library)*

5. Comics Read: Join Dave Burbank on Tuesday, January 10, at 4:00 p.m. for comics read on the big screen. All welcome. No registration necessary. *(Library)*

6. Catch 22: Copies of Joseph Heller's "Catch 22" are available for members of the Friends Reading Group who will discuss it on Wednesday, January 18, at 7:30 p.m., and also for high-schoolers in the Banned Books club who will meet to discuss it on January 30 at 7:30 p.m. Registration is required for the Banned Books Club. *(Library)*

7. Start the New Year off with Jazzercise: Jazzercise is offered at Takoma Park Recreation Center on Monday & Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. This is a class that combines the art of Jazz with the science of exercise physiology. Each 60-70 minute class includes easy to follow fun aerobic-dance routines, weights for muscle strength and stretching exercises all to the beat of great music. For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289. *(Recreation)*

8. Seniors Activities for the New Year: For some fun reading this year, make it a New Year's resolution to read the Silver Foxes Newsletter. Start with the January 2012 edition and see what exciting things are planned for seniors this year. You can find copies of the newsletter at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/seniors.html. For more information, please contact Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager, at 301-891-7280 or PaulaL@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

9. School's Out - Recreation In! The Fun Day Program offers exciting field trips on scheduled whole day school closings and activities and performances on scheduled half day closings. The first Fun Day trip will be Monday, January 23, 2012 at the Capitol Club House. The second Fun Day will be Friday, March 30, 2012, to visit the Hammond Hardwood House. For more information please contact: danaj@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

10. Seniors Gentle Water Movement: In partnership with the Piney Branch pool (inside Piney Branch School,) the Recreation Department would like to promote the "Gentle Water Movement" class for seniors. Gentle Water Movement, lead by Anne LeVeque, is a shallow-water class using flotation belts, aqua-barbells and water noodles to increase flexibility and strength. Tuesdays; 4:00 PM (45 minute class); Piney Branch Pool, 7510 Maple Avenue (inside Piney Branch School); \$8 per person, per class. Please ask about senior scholarships! For more information about registration, hours and classes, contact the pool at (301) 891-8017, or www.acsgw.org/pool.htm. You may also contact Joyce Seamens, Director of Pool Operation, Adventist Community Services at (301) 565-0190. *(Recreation)*

11. Winter Basketball League – Games Begin Saturday: On Saturday, January 7, over 620 girls and boys will participate in the opening day of the 2012 Winter Basketball League season. Games will be played at Rolling Terrace Elementary, Piney Branch Elementary and Takoma Park Middle schools. To view game schedules please visit: http://www.allprosoftware.net/TPRD_2012_WBL. The Recreation Department is looking forward to another great year!

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12. Indoor Soccer/Futsal League- Less than 20 Spaces Remaining: Parents don't miss out on the chance to have your child participate in the 2012 Indoor Soccer/Futsal league. This league provides a forum for athletes to manage their soccer skills and learn some new ones too. Registration is still open but there are only a few spaces left; registration closes on Friday, January 13. Program is open to girls and boys in grades 2-4. All participants will be assigned to teams and provided team shirts for league play. All games are played on Sundays from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm and are held at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave.) To register online please visit: www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation. For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at (301) 891-7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

13. Adult Volleyball - Begins Monday: Adults, it's almost that time. On Monday, January 9, the Takoma Park Recreation Department will kick off the "drop in" coed volleyball program. Program is open to men and women ages 18 and over and will be held at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma Park MD) Individuals of all skill levels are welcome to participate. All games are self officiated and teams will be randomly selected. For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at (301) 891-7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

14. "Spring/Summer Activities Guide" Program Proposals Due Today, January 6, 2012: Program proposals for the "2012 Spring/Summer Activities Guide" are now being accepted by the Takoma Park Recreation Department. The deadline for all Class Proposals is Friday, January 6, 2012. Class Proposal Forms can be picked up at the administrative office (7500 Maple Avenue) or by e-mailing EricR@takomagov.org for an electronic form. Note: Spring/Summer program dates: April 8 – August 30, 2012. *(Recreation)*

15. Part-Time Recreation Job Opportunities: The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department is seeking a Recreation Program Assistant, Program Leader, and Program Attendant. The City of Takoma Park offers a wide variety of organized recreational activities such as arts and crafts, performing arts, and camps. The Takoma Park Recreation Department has an opportunity for an outgoing, fun, and responsible individual who is available to work part-time in the morning, evening and weekends. Applicants must be 16 years of age. Bilingual applicants are encouraged to apply. Please submit a City of Takoma Park employment application along with your resume to Eric Rasch, Recreation Manager EricR@takomagov.org or 301-891-7225. Application online at takomaparkmd.gov/hr. EOE. *(Recreation)*

16. Urban Design Guidelines Presentation/Opportunity to Comment - January 12: Learn more about the latest draft of the Takoma Langley Sector Plan Urban Design Guidelines on Thursday, January 12 when County Planning staff will present an overview of the guidelines and solicit feedback from the community. The presentation is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium (7500 Maple Avenue). For more information, please visit <http://www.thenewave.com/development/visions-and-plans/crossroads-urban-design-guidelines>. *(Housing and Community Development)*

17. Washington Adventist Hospital Questionnaire: If you have not had a chance to complete the Washington Adventist Hospital questionnaire, there is still time to turn it in. Washington Adventist Hospital (WAH) is requesting permission from the Maryland Health Care Commission to move from its Takoma Park location. Their request may be approved, approved with conditions, or denied. A preliminary recommendation is expected in early 2012. Once announced, the Takoma Park City Council will have 30 days to comment before a final decision is made by the Commission. To ensure that your voice is heard, we encourage you to complete the questionnaire. English and Spanish version of the questionnaire and more information on the hospital proposal to relocate can be found at <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/wah/>. *(Housing and Community Development)*

18. Silver Spring Citizen Advisory Board: Consider being a part of the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board. The Board discusses and acts on a wide range of issues that affect the Silver Spring Region, which includes all of the City of Takoma Park. For more information contact Regional Center Director, Reemberto Rodriguez at Reemberto.Rodriguez@montgomerycountymd.gov. *(Housing and Community Development)*

19. A Tour of WAU: On January 4, Capt. Coursey and some other members of the Emergency Preparedness Committee met at the Washington Adventist University and were given a site tour by Edwin Monge, head of security. The tour was for the purpose of identifying sufficient locations that could possibly be used to operate a volunteer mobilization center during a major emergency, which is a project that the committee has begun working on in partnership with the Takoma Park Lions Club. *(Police)*

20. Community Outreach Officer (Pfc. Carla Magnaye):

- On January 4, Officer Magnaye conducted morning business checks on University Boulevard, New Hampshire Avenue, Carroll Avenue and Laurel Avenue. She attended a HEAT meeting to discuss current crime trends, subjects on probation and/or with current warrants in the Silver Spring Area.
 - On January 5, Officer Magnaye conducted morning business checks on New Hampshire Avenue, University Boulevard, Carroll Avenue, Laurel Avenue and Flower Avenue.
- (Police)*

21. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (December 30, 2012 – January 5, 2012) may be viewed online at: <http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/01/takoma-park-police-department-weekly.html>. *(Police)*

22. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 116 traffic stops, which resulted in citations and four vehicle impounds.

During January 3-4, 2012, the following details were completed:

January 3, 2012

- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (no right turn) – conducted a 90-minute detail and issued four State citations and one warning.
- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) – conducted a detail at various times and issued three State citations.
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (no right turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued six State citations.

January 4, 2012

- 900 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three warnings.
- Prince George's Avenue & Circle Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) – conducted a detail at various times and issued 11 State citations.
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (no right turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.

(Police)

23. Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes):

Week of 12/30/11 – 1/5/12

State Citations issued: 54

City: 4

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 3

Calls: 10

Reports: 5

Warnings: 3

(Police)